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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 4 December 1968



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*DD/I drew attention to the article by George Wilson on the front page of today's Washington Post reporting Soviet testing of a new space vehicle and strongly suggesting that it may be an antisatellite weapon. The Director asked the DD/S&T for copies of all of George Wilson's articles since he began the Pentagon beat and for a covering memorandum commenting on the accuracy of the most significant articles and placing them in perspective.

Godfrey reported that Israeli air action against Jordan is still under way and that, among other things, the Iraqi artillery batteries in Jordan appear to be a major target.

Godfrey noted that Caldera maintains a slim margin in Venezuela after 60 percent of the vote has been counted and that press reports of violence in Caracas appear to be greatly exaggerated.

X1 D/ONE advised that [] is preparing a letter to the Board of National Estimates raising certain questions in connection with NASA's future plans. D/ONE advised that an appropriate response on BNE's part would be to provide a Memorandum to Holders on prospects for the Soviet manned lunar program. A broader based space Estimate would be prepared at a later date.

Carver noted Joe Alsop's article today on Cambodia.

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Parrott added briefly to the saga of Sam Adams.



DDCI briefed on yesterday's SIG Meeting and noted that the discussion on the southern Africa policy paper was inconclusive. The Africa IRG has been asked to analyze the cost of proposed U. S. policy in this area.

The Director concurred in Goodwin's suggestion that DD/I compile a list of CIA employees who have published in various journals during the last six months for possible use with media representatives. The Director noted that yesterday's flap [redacted] [redacted] was contained in excellent fashion. Goodwin pointed out that Commonweal has indicated that the AP twisted its editorial comment on the book and plans to clarify matters in its next issue.

Goodwin reported that a Newsweek journalist has been assigned to write a story on Who's Who in CIA and hopefully has been induced to give it a humorous touch.

*Executive Director reminded that the Agency's policy on publishing and public appearances, as updated in July 1967, places the onus of responsibility on the chain of command and on the employee himself rather than simply on the Office of Security and the Assistant to the Director. He urged that members of the Executive Committee encourage their supervisors to review their records on publishing and public appearance requests which have been made over the past few years in order to ensure that policy is being adhered to.

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L. K. White

CIA Clarifies Two Authors' Status

The Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday that the co-authors of the forthcoming book, "The Fail of Khrushchev," are its men, but not its agents.

The Catholic magazine *Commonweal* has called the authors, William Hyland and Richard Wallace Shyrock, CIA agents and criticized the Agency for apparently continuing its "infiltration of allegedly private organizations.

The CIA replied that "Mr. Hyland and Mr. Shyrook are open employees of the CIA, publicly known as such. They are not intelligence 'agents.'"

Their book, an Agency spokesman added in a statement, "is a private venture by the authors" and "does not represent official views of the Central Intelligence Agency."

The authors, both Russian affairs specialists, submitted their work to the agency, the spokesman said, only for "advice and consent on security" matters. The authors' comments for the book about three years ago "when Agency employees who published privately did not identify their Agency affiliation."

A spokesman for Funk & Wagnalls, which is publishing the book Dec. 11, has said the firm's contract with the two men forbids identification of the authors beyond calling them "employees of the Federal Government."

The CIA, however, said that "since early 1967, our practice has been, and remains, to advise publishing employees to identify openly with their place of employment."

"Any confusion in this case," the Agency went on, "was due to an inadvertent oversight." Hyland and Shyrocks, the CIA noted, began arrange-